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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

March 21, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001 the period for response having been extended two (2) months to March 24, 2000, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 5-10 and 13-19 will are pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

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